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DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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HANDPUMPS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of handpumps installed in the country including Uttar Pradesh, State/UT-wise;

(b) the norms laid down regarding depth at which the handpumps are to be installed;

(c) the number of inspections done regarding the depth of pipes along with the details of the action taken therein, State/ UT-wise;

(d) whether the irregularities in installation of handpumps have come to the notice of the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) As per data entered by the States/ UTs in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) the details of total number of handpumps installed in the country including Uttar Pradesh, State/UT-wise is given at Annexure.

(b) Rural water supply is a State subject. However, under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. Under NRDWP the State Governments are vested with powers to select, plan, approve and implement different types of drinking water supply schemes which includes water supply through handpumps also . Under NRDWP no norms regarding depth at which the handpumps are to be installed have been prescribed. States do it as per the depth of the aquifers which varies from place to place. However, the Ministry has suggested States that shallow aquifers should not be tapped as they might be bacteriologically contaminated.

(c) to (e) In order to assist the States to decide the depth of riser pipes , 4875 Ground water prospect maps based on satellite data and other hydro geo morphological GIS layers were prepared and given to States. The Ministry is not in receipt of any complaint from the State Governments regarding irregularities in installation of hand pumps.